

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2231 without my signature.

While I appreciate the progress that Alameda County, Solano County, and the City of Berkeley have made in addressing domestic violence, the funding mechanism authorized by this bill is inappropriate. Irrespective of its intent or the programs it would fund, this bill would extend and increase a fee that is actually a tax; its imposition without a local vote of the people, would be a clear violation of our Constitution.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger